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The Applicant has filed the enclosed Request for Continued Examination in order to submit this amendment to include the reference to the prior U.S. application in the specification. A petition for withdrawal of this case from issue has also been submitted to the pre-grant publication division of the USPTO by hand delivery.

The amendment of the specification to include a reference to the prior US application in the utility patent application transmittal form was mistakenly not made according to the new amendment practice. The Applicant requests that the application be amended as described on the previous page and that the attached petition under Rule 1.78 be accepted.

The Applicant hereby requests that the fee/surcharge for making the petition to include the cross reference to the prior application be charged to Shell Oil Company Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

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